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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEMS

SPAIN -- CONVERSATION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER: IN A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR STABLER IN MADRID, PRIME MINISTER CARLOS ARIAS NAVARRO REVEALED HIS STRONG PREFERENCE TO TURN OVER THE PRIME MINISTRY TO SOMEONE ELSE, ADDING, HOWEVER, THAT HE COULD NOT REFUSE TO SERVE HIS COUNTRY AND KING AT THIS IMPORTANT PERIOD OF TRANSITION IN SPANISH HISTORY. ARIAS SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO "TAKE THE SHIP OUT OF PORT AND ON TO THE HIGH SEAS" AND THEN LET OTHER, YOUNGER MEN TAKE OVER. THE PRIME MINISTER WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT, WHICH HE EXPECTED TO BE APPOINTED SOON WOULD FOLLOW AN EVOLUTIONARY POLICY WITH THE AIM OF INTEGRATING SPAIN INTO EUROPE. ARIAS COMMENTED THAT THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD BE JOSE MARIA AREILZA (COUNT OF MOTRICO), A FORMER AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON AND A "CENTRIST." IN CLOSING THE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR STABLER, ARIAS SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT THE BASES NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE CONCLUDED SHORTLY AFTER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, ADDING THAT THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT ATTACHED THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO CLOSE AND HARMONIOUS RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. (FLYNN)

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IN ANOTHER INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT, OUR EMBASSY IN TEHRAN REPORTS THAT ACCORDING TO THE IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, ZAIRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MANDANGU BULA ASKED THE SHAH TO PROVIDE ARMS TO ZAIRE FOR USE IN ANGOLA. THE SHAH REPORTEDLY SAID THAT HE PURCHASES HIS ARMS FROM THE U.S. AND THAT AS A RESULT HE UNDERTAKES NOT TO PASS THEM TO THIRD PARTIES. BULA REPLIED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAD APPROVED IRANIS PROVIDING ARMS TO ZAIRE FOR USE AGAINST THE MPLA IN ANGOLA (WHICH, OF COURSE, IS INACCURATE.) THE IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HAS ASKED FOR SOME CONFIRMATION OF THIS BUT INDICATED HE WANTED IT UNDERSTOOD THAT NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN TO PROVIDE ARMS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. (HORAN)

INVITATION TO KEEKKONEN TO VISIT U.S. IN 1976: DURING RECENT MEETINGS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AMBASSADOR AUSTAD RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF INVITING PRESIDENT KEEKKONEN TO THE U.S. NEXT YEAR. HE SUBSEQUENTLY RAISED THE SUBJECT WITH KEEKKONEN AND NOW HAS REPORTED FROM HELSINKI THAT THE FINNISH PRESIDENT WOULD WELCOME AN INVITATION FOR NEXT YEAR. AUSTAD REPORTS THAT HE HAS CONTACTED THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ABOUT A POSSIBLE HONORARY DOCTORATE. WITH REGARD TO DATE, THE AMBASSADOR NOTES THAT KEEKKONEN WILL VISIT BRAZIL IN MID-FEBRUARY AND WILL RETURN VIA THE U.S., AND ALSO THAT HE IS INVITED TO MANCOCK, MICHIGAN FOR THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FINNISH-SUOMI COLLEGE IN JULY, 1976. THE AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDS THE FEBRUARY DATE FOR A VISIT. IN DISCUSSING A POSSIBLE VISIT, KEEKKONEN APPARENTLY INDICATED THAT HE WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE TO DISCUSS CSCE RESULTS TO DATE AND U.S. POINTS OF VIEW REGARDING THE FOLLOW-UP MEETING IN BELGRADE. (GATES) 0000

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